

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

J. DOES 1-26,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

ELON MUSK, in his official capacity; UNITED  
STATES DOGE SERVICE; DEPARTMENT  
OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY,

Defendants-Appellants.

No. 25-1273

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

On June 9, 2025, the Court granted the government's motion to hold this appeal in abeyance "for the district court to resolve the motion to dismiss or otherwise issue any subsequent appealable order" and directed the parties to file regular status reports. The parties filed the first status report on July 9, 2025. The district court has not yet resolved the motion to dismiss or otherwise issued any subsequent appealable order.

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